

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**OFFICE:** TRENTON

**DATE:** April 21, 2021

**JUDGE:** PETER G. SHERIDAN

**COURT REPORTER:** FRANK GABLE

**Docket # Cr. 21-329- (01) (PGS)**

**TITLE OF CASE:**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.  
BERNARD E. LOPEZ

**PRESENT**

**APPEARANCE:**

PERRY FARHAT, AUSA for Government

NICOLE WESTMORELAND, Esq. for Defendant

**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:** INITIAL APPEARANCE/ WAIVER OF INDICTMENT

All parties, including Defendant, were present via videoconference.

Defendant's consent for plea to be held via videoconference.

Order regarding use of videoconference in accordance with Standing Order 2021-04 to be filed.

Ordered deft. affirm; deft. affirm.

Initial appearance held.

Defendant advised of his/her rights, charges and penalties.

Waiver of indictment and Venue executed and filed.

INFORMATION filed.

PLEA: GUILTY to Count One and Two of the Information.

Terms of plea agreement read into the record.

Ordered plea agreement approved and accepted.

Rule 11 and Plea Agreement filed.

Ordered sentencing set for October 6, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

Ordered bail continued.

Time commenced: 1:15 PM

Time Adjourned: 2:15 PM

Total Time: 1:00

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